



# Machin Messenger

Serving Minnitaki, Eagle River, Vermilion Bay

And surrounding area

January

## Municipal Notes

### COUNCIL NEWS

Mayor and Council hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are eager to begin the New Year and have some exciting news to start. In December we found out that our grant to the Ontario Trillium Foundation was successful; at the beginning of August, we applied for playground equipment and fitness equipment to be installed at the Pine Tree Park. The program will cover 98% of the costs for this project!

In December we reached an agreement to lease the Credit Union until the end of July 2023; at the end of this lease the goal is to have the building sold to the lessee. The money generated from the lease and future sale of the building, will be used towards progressing our current projects.

We'd like to take the time to update the public on the status of current projects the Municipality has been working on. Mayor and Council were presented with a draft report for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for the former CP Property. Unfortunately the report recommended that further investigating take place on the property since the investigation found that two potentially contaminating activities took place formerly on the property. While we are not worried there is contamination present, government red-tape/regulations require investigating to be done. In other news, MNRF has told us that they are transferring their portion of road allowances at our airport. This stemmed from ongoing talks with the Municipality and MTO; once we legally own the road allowances, we can move forward with our development plans at the airport.

Mayor and Council would like to thank Norbert Bruyere and Rose Rhyner for taking down the summer flags and installing the winter flags on the flag poles in Vermilion Bay. We'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped decorate the Eagle River Historical Park before Christmas. Your volunteer help is much appreciated!

### Economic Development:

What a great way to start the New Year by finding out we've

been approved for new playground equipment and fitness equipment at the Pine Tree Park! The idea developed last year from discussions between the Revitalization Committee members; after first being declined for the project we were extremely happy to see it get approved the second time we applied!

Letters from Mayor Griffiths to the Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, have helped us move forward on the issue regarding the Ely Lake Road access issue. Up until mid-December, MTO required the Municipality to own the Langton Township Road for the potential cottage lot development. However, after many letters and a signed agreement between Machin and the Dryden Forest Management Company; MTO has come back saying we now meet the requirements to move forward with the potential development. Our next step is completing a Lakeshore Capacity Assessment for MNRF to determine the amount of lots that the lake can support. We will continue to move forward on this project as we outweigh costs vs benefits doing so.

Max Nagy, EDO

### Recreation:

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I'm excited to let you know I will have Lynn Robinson to teach us Tai Chi, Palates, and maybe some resistance training while still having some yoga classes from Lokah Sangha Yoga. We will also be travelling to the Hawaiian Islands with Armchair Travel this month! The Dryden Native Friendship centre will once again be hosting multiple events at the Eagle River Rec Centre so please continue to check our Facebook page for the upcoming events/dates. Thank you everyone.

Carman Brignall, Recreation Facilitator

### Public Works:

We are still experiencing pump issues at the Eagle River Rink which continues to delay making the ice. We've been trying the best we can to work on making ice but unfortunately do not have the staff to keep up with the work needed to get the ice in. Please welcome Ryker Robinson to the team, Ryker will be helping us with shovelling snow and working at the Eagle River Rink when the ice is put in!

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### MESSENGER DEADLINE

Submissions for the Machin Messenger must now be in by the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month, by noon. **Deadline for the February Messenger will be Wednesday January 25.** Send your submissions to [pilmar@sympatico.ca](mailto:pilmar@sympatico.ca), subject line "Machin Messenger". Ads will need to be pre-paid prior to insertion in the Messenger. **Please note that there are price changes for ads. Call the Municipal Office for details.**

**Property Owners in Vermilion Bay with Aqua Flow units are reminded to turn them on to prevent your water from freezing. Please ensure that they remain on until the middle of April. Should you have any questions please call Shawna Alberts at 227-2064.**

### MESSENGER ADS

If you wish to advertise in the Machin Messenger, please call the Municipal Offices at 227-2633 to find out the

### Woman in the Workplace:

For the January edition of Woman in the Workplace, we'd like to draw attention to Michelle Nault at the Vermilion Bay CO-OP! Michelle has been working at the CO-OP since 1994 and has lived in Northwestern Ontario all her life. Starting out as a cashier and stock clerk, Michelle has worked her way up to store manager; one of the parts she loves the most about her job is the variety that comes with it. Working her way up at the store has allowed Michelle to learn more about each department, now as the store manager, Michelle handles the paperwork which is something she loves, especially the numbers aspect. When asked about what she loves about her job, Michelle said working with her staff and seeing new faces and old faces visit the store. You can find various products from local vendors at the CO-OP; you can even find some local vendors "popping up" at the CO-OP on certain days which allow them to display a variety of their merchandise. Thank you Michelle, for all your hard work and for managing such an important business for our community!



### Do you need your water tested for lead?

The most common sources of lead in drinking water have been found in lead pipes, faucets, and plumbing fixtures. Certain pipes that carry drinking water from the water source to the home may contain lead. Household plumbing fixtures, welding solder, and pipe fittings made prior to 1986 may also contain lead. Because no safe blood level has been identified for young children, all sources of lead exposure for children should be controlled or eliminated. If you would like to have your household tested for lead, please contact Shawna Alberts at the Vermilion Bay Water Treatment Plant (227-2064) and you will be added to a list to be sampled in 2023.





**Machin Council approve of the following water rates for 2023 which is a 2% increase from 2022:**

|                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residential Users                    | \$118.27 monthly billing |
| Residential Service Turned Off       | \$59.14 monthly billing  |
| Minimum Meter Rate Under 10,000 gal. | \$179.58 monthly billing |
| Meter Rate for 10,000 to 50,000 gal. | \$.018282 gal.           |
| Meter Rate for next 50,000 gal.      | \$.016356 gal.           |
| Meter Rate for next 999,999 gal.     | \$.007549 gal.           |
| Meter Service Turned Off             | \$89.79 monthly billing  |
| Turn On and Off Charge               | \$50.00                  |
| Sale of Water                        | \$.18 gal.               |

Under Water Ontario Regulation 453/07, the Municipality of Machin has been Legislated to increase the Water Rate by 2% for the next eight years.

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**Need a Ride to Dryden?**

**Try Out Our Seniors Bus.**

This is a Door to Door Service – you do not have to worry about parking or walking. We drop you off right at the door of your medical appointment or essential shopping and return to pick you up.

**The cost is \$10.00 per person to ride to and from Dryden on Tuesday or Thursday. Should you have mobility issues both getting on and off the bus or shopping and carrying your items, thanks to the Happy Go Lucky Seniors Club they have provided funding for an Assistant to ride on the bus to help with these issues. We welcome Gord Canan as the new assistant.**

Please call the Municipal Office at 227-2633 to book your ride or if you have any questions.

You do not have to be a senior to use this service. Any adult can ride, however seniors do come first for this service.



It is with mixed emotions that Machin Fire announces the retirement of Kurt Schmidt. Kurt joined the department in 2005, and over the past 17 years he has dedicated countless hours to the department, has been a dependable volunteer and a very valuable asset to the department.

Kurt served as the Department's Training Officer for 7 years, as well as the Deputy Chief for 5 of those years, then when due to other commitments he had to step down from being Deputy Chief, he served as Captain for 2 years. While serving as Deputy Chief, Kurt also stepped up to fill in as the Acting Fire Chief for one year while the department was without a Chief.

Kurt's fellow firefighters have tremendous appreciation for him, his many years of dedicated service and all his time that he has voluntarily contributed to the department. We are sad to see Kurt go and will greatly miss him, his leadership, and his teaching at practices, but we wish him all the best in his future adventures.

During 2022, Machin Fire Volunteers:

Responded to 76 medical aid calls, 13 fires, 13 vehicle collisions and 18 other calls.

Attended training, both in person and online, and completed the Red Cross First Responder and Basic Life Support courses.

Participated in the goodbye parade for Dryden Fire; helped in the community with the Spring Road Clean-up, Bike Rodeo at Lillian Berg School, Machin Family Day, Walk for Wenjack, and the Machin Holiday parade; and did safety presentations at Machin's Day Camp, and for Fire Prevention Week at Lillian Berg School.

Congratulations to Darcy Spalding on receiving the Firefighter of The Year Award sponsored by The Standard Insurance. Thank you, Darcy, for all of your help responding to calls and at the fire halls!

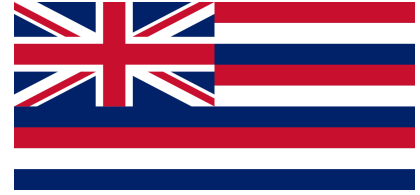
Machin Fire is recruiting volunteers. No experience required. If interested, contact the department for more information or pickup an application at the Municipal Office.

Contact Machin Volunteer Fire and First Response to receive a smoke/CO alarm or for fire safety information:

On Facebook or Instagram: @machinfire – by email: machinfire@bellnet.ca – by mail: PO Box 249, Vermilion Bay, ON P0V 2V0

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Armchair travel takes people to faraway places without leaving the comfort of home. It provides a sensory experience and opportunity to learn about exotic lands, multi-cultural foods, music etc. Provides a deeper understanding and enjoyment of traveling to another country.

Hosted by Carman Brignall

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The Happy Go Lucky Senior Centre

January 10th, 11am—2pm

\$10 per person

RSVP

Please RSVP Carman @  
807-227-2633

Limited to 15 persons



# Tai Chi

With Lynn Robinson

@

Happy Go Lucky Senior Centre

January 12 & 26th

10am—11am

Everyone Welcome!

For any information please

Call Carman

@

227-2633





## Lillian Berg School



It is the end of 2022, and our teaching & support staff and students are enjoying a well-deserved Break until January 2nd. It truly was a "hustle and bustle" every day in December!

The last weeks at school were filled with learning and a variety of winter and Christmas activities. Grades 2 - 3 students learned how to make cookies; Kindergarten & Gr.1 students started learning how to sew, Grades 3 - 4 created landscapes using different art strategies and intermediate students were involved in a variety of décor projects to prepare for our "Christmas Concert"! Mr. Nyberg had many fires going outside, during "Forest School" time, to keep students warm and engaged.

Grade 5-6 students participated in Dairy Farmers of Ontario's "Sick Kids" campaign. They wrote positive and encouraging messages for children who have to stay in ON hospitals or messages of gratitude to medical staff who are working over Christmas.

We held a "Book Fair" which turned out to be an enormous success. THANK YOU to everyone for your purchases! The allowance from the profits gave our Library \$873 to purchase new books! Thank you Mrs. Pilipishen, Ms. Cynthia and Corey for setting up the "bookstore" and Ms. Gina Law for helping to pack up the unsold stock.

Thank you, Tasha, for your talent to make our gym beautiful! We had a "full house" with families, friends, and community members who enjoyed our "Christmas Concert" on December 15th. The performances by each class and some "solos" were / was amazing! In addition, Grade 8 students sold home baking as a fundraiser for their "Grade 8 Trip" in 2023.

"SANTA" visited all classes on the last school day morning, enjoying and answering many questions from our young students. Everyone was treated to a "Waffle Breakfast". Thank you Mrs. Brechtfeld and Mrs. Cunningham for cooking waffles and cleaning up!

Students skated at the arena on the last day of school.

Thank you to our janitorial staff who are busy these last few workdays of the year, to make every corner in the school sparkle.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Lillian Berg School!



## Happy Go Lucky Seniors

Notice:

If you are 50 years old or over, why not come to the HAPPY GO LUCKY SENIORS Centre and meet some very interesting people.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. there is coffee & toast, There is usually some very interesting conversations going on, with a variety of topics covered.

There are other activities going on, and are on the monthly calendar.

Come on out and join the club Try it, and enjoy, rather than sitting home and doing nothing.

# Vermilion Bay Lions Lines

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @7:00PM. Everyone is welcome!

The Vermilion Bay Lions club want to extend everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



## Donations

Thank you to all community members who have made donations to our Lions hall renovation fund and other Various Lions projects. If you are interested in donating, please email [vbaylions@gmail.com](mailto:vbaylions@gmail.com)



## Vermilion Bay Lions Hall:

The Lions Hall is available to rent for any event. These include:

- Trainings
- Birthday Parties
- baby showers
- family events
- Meetings

The hall is equipped with full kitchen, electronic white board, internet and sound system. Contact Al Koroniak at 220-1107 or [rentals@vermilionbaylions.org](mailto:rentals@vermilionbaylions.org)

Hall is also available for Funeral / End of life celebrations by donation. Contact Helen Grymaloski @ [blueberrybroad@gmail.com](mailto:blueberrybroad@gmail.com)

## Lions medical equipment

If you need a hospital bed, bathroom equipment, stair climber, walker, motorized wheelchair, lift, etc. Please contact Gary Hutchison at 807-227-2449 or [garyehutchinson@gmail.com](mailto:garyehutchinson@gmail.com) to see if we can help.

We also welcome cash donations and donations of medical equipment that we can lend out at no cost to our community.

## Vermilion Bay Lions Club, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program



With this program your child will receive 1 free book a month until they reach 5 year's old. This program is available to children who reside in the following postal codes:

- POV2V0
- POV2J0
- POV2E0
- POV2X0
- POV1S0

You can register your child online @ <https://imaginationlibrary.com/ca/affiliate/ONVERMILIONBAY/>



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## Vermilion Bay Lions 2022 Honda Side by Side And Cash Draw

**\$20.00**  
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1<sup>st</sup> – 2022 Honda Side By Side and Marion Trailer

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$5,000.00

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2,500.00

4<sup>th</sup> - \$1000.00

5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> - \$250.00

Side by Side comes complete with  
roof, windscreen & winch.

\*May not appear exactly as shown on  
the image.

Total retail value \$35,321. Includes HST.



**Draw Date: July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at the Vermilion Bay Lions  
Hall (76 Spruce Street, Vermilion Bay, ON) at 5:00 pm**

All proceeds support local Lions Initiatives

Winner will be posted on [vermilionbaylions.org](http://vermilionbaylions.org)

\*Tickets can not be purchased by, for or on behalf of a person under the age of 18.

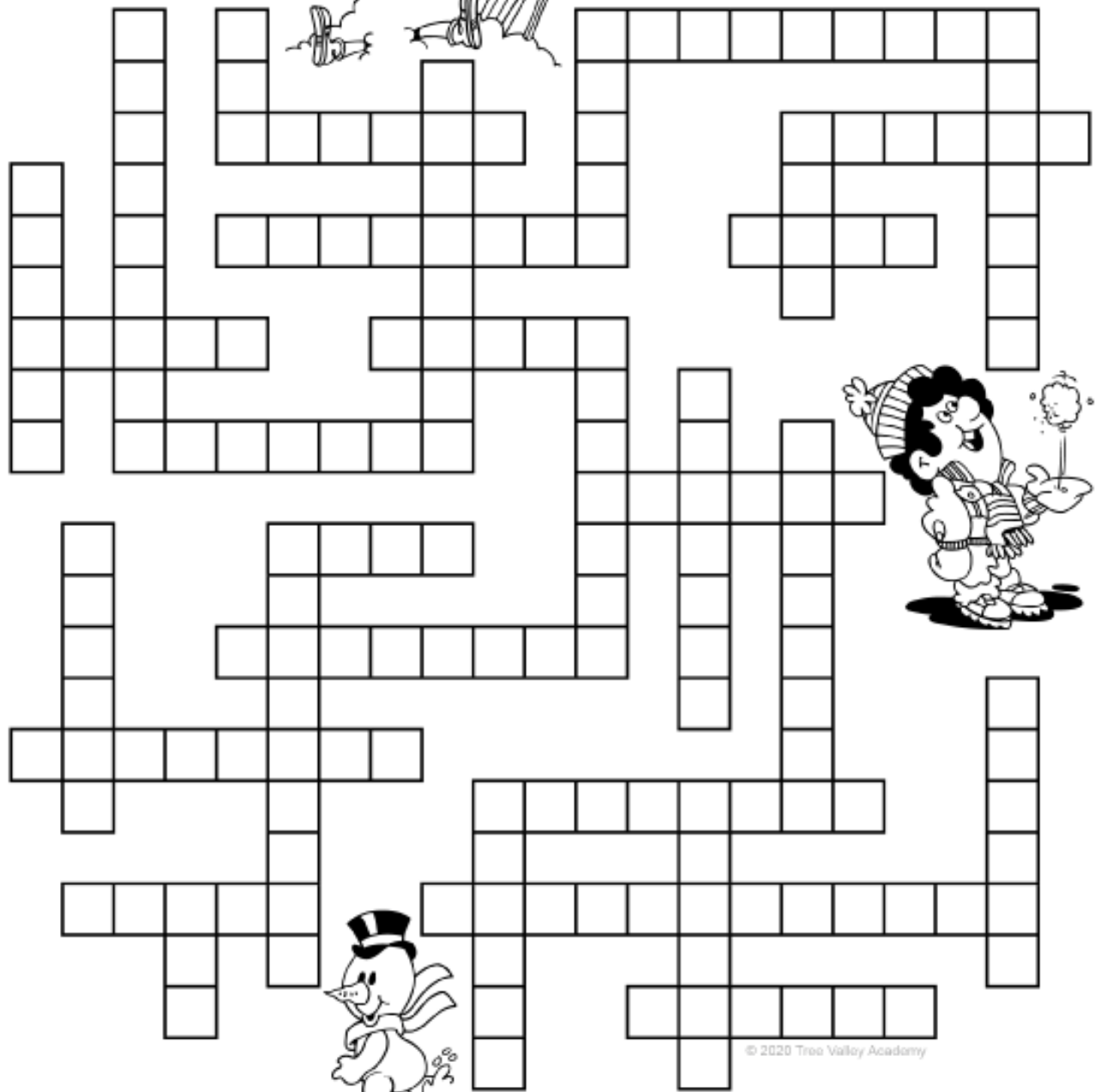
Ontario Lottery License # M587435

Prize must be accepted as awarded.

Tickets can be purchased at participating stores in Vermilion Bay and Dryden as well from Vermilion Bay Lions members. You may also contact the Vermilion Bay Lions by email: [vbaylions@gmail.com](mailto:vbaylions@gmail.com) and state your name, address, phone number and declare you are over 18 years of age. Payment can be made by cheque, cash or EMT.



# WINTER



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ice  
ski

**4 letters**

cold  
sled  
snow

**5 letters**

igloo  
mitts  
socks  
white

**6 letters**

frozen  
hockey  
icicle  
season  
shovel  
skates  
skiing  
sleigh  
winter

**7 letters**

dog sled  
January  
skating  
snowman

**8 letters**

sledding  
December  
holidays  
toboggan  
February  
snow fort

**9 letters**

snow angel  
snowballs  
snowboard

**12 letters**

hot chocolate



# JANUARY 2023



| Sun                                 | Mon  | Tue  | Wed                                | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1<br>HAPPY NEW YEAR!<br>ARDITH BOOI | 2<br>Coffee 8:30<br>CHARLENE PEETERS         | 3  | 4<br>Coffee 8:30                   | 5   | 6<br>Coffee 8:30<br>ROSE FAVELLE                    | 7<br>HELEN GRYMOLSKI                         |
| 8                                   | 9<br>Catered lunch<br>\$10.00                | 10 ARM CHAIR<br>TRAVEL<br>HAWAIIAN<br>ISLANDS<br>11a.m.-2p.m.<br>\$10.00 | 11<br>Coffee 8:30<br>MARG LARSON   | 12<br>TAI CHI<br>10a.m.-11a.m.  | 13<br>Coffee 8:30                                   | 14<br>LONNIE TOUROND<br>FLORENCE<br>LaPOINTE |
| 15                                  | 16<br>Coffee 8:30<br>LORRAINE<br>BRECHTEFELD | 17   | 18<br>Coffee 8:30<br>SHARON BENOIT | 19  | 20<br>Coffee 8:30<br>ROBERT<br>CAOQUETTE            | 21   |
| 22                                  | 23<br>AN ITA CHANDLER<br>Coffee 8:30         | 24<br>CARL JONES   | 25<br>Coffee 8:30                  | 26<br>TAI CHI<br>10a.m.-11a.m.  | 27<br>Coffee 8:30<br>GARRY Parkes                   | 28   |
| 29                                  | 30<br>Coffee 8:30                            | 31   |                                    | <b>Bus to Dryden<br/>Tuesday's &amp;<br/>Thursday's<br/>pick up 9a.m.<br/>\$10.00</b> | To Rent Happy<br>Go Lucky Seniors<br>Call: 529-4611 |  |

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The Vermilion Bay Co-op would like to let the shoppers know the following monthly dates for 202\3

**STORE HOURS: 9 A.M.— 6 P. M.**  
**MONDAY—SATURDAY**  
**CLOSED SUNDAYS**

| Shareholder Days | Senior Days | Flyer Days            |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| January 13       | January 18  | January 6—January 12  |
| HAPPY NEW YEAR!  |             | January 20—January 26 |

Just a reminder that you can view the Co-op Flyers online at [www.coopconnection.ca](http://www.coopconnection.ca)  
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# The Reading Room



The Reading Room  
will be open  
during Municipal Office business hours.

## Contact Information for Mayor & Council

**Mayor:**  
Gord Griffiths 227-2074, 221-8717 (cell)  
**Deputy Mayor:**  
Dennis Peterson 220-1558 (cell)  
**Councillor:**  
Tony Blair 220-5410 (cell)  
**Councillor:**  
Ray Pilkey 755-1701, 220-1502 (cell)  
**Councillor:**  
Greg Swanson 220-3615 (cell)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Machin Council Meeting:** Monday January 9 immediately following the Public Works meeting, and Monday January 23 @ 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Machin Municipal Office

**Public Works Meeting:** Monday January 9 at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers in Machin Municipal Office

**Revitalization Committee:** TBA

**Lions Club**—First and third Wednesdays of every month, 7:00 p.m., Lion’s Hall.

**Happy-Go-Lucky Seniors:** Catered lunch, January 9.

**Friends of Pine Tree Pathways:** TBA

**TOPS**—Now meeting Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. at the Evangelical Church.

**AA** - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Sundays at the Evangelical Mission Church, 55 Willow St., Vermilion Bay. Social distancing rules apply.

**AL-Anon Family Group:** Every Thursday 7:00 p.m., at St. Mark Lutheran Church. For more info call Darlene @938-7061.

**Kinettes**—The first **WEDNESDAY** of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Bayview meeting room.

**Seniors Friendship Club of Eagle River**—Second Wednesday of each Month.

**Police Services Board**—TBA

**Waldhof Wranglers**—Contact Joanne Graham at 807-323 2797 or check out the Waldhof Wranglers Facebook page.

Building Permit Applications and general inquiries are available at the Machin Office. Any questions on building, please call the Chief Building Office, Shawna Alberts at (807)-216-8285 or the Municipal Office at 227-2633.

## Area Church Services



Our Lady of Fatima  
Roman Catholic Church  
Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay  
Closed for the winter

Vermilion Bay United Church  
97 Spruce Street  
Vermilion Bay  
Worship Services:  
Easter to the end of September

Eagle River (Ebenezer) Baptist Church  
Services at First Baptist Church  
58 King Street, Dryden, Ontario  
Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay  
Services: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Evangelical Mission Church  
55 Willow Street, Vermilion Bay  
Services: Sundays 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Upper Falls Baptist Church  
Hwy 105 North  
Worship: Sundays 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Study:  
10:00 a.m. (all ages)

\*Please note we will be switching to winter hours at the landfills\*  
**CLOSED THURSDAY'S TILL SUMMER**

### WINTER HOURS WASTE DISPOSAL SITES Effective November 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022

|               | TUESDAY          | SATURDAY         |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| VERMILION BAY | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. |
| EAGLE RIVER   | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  |

**PLEASE NOTE PRICE CHANGE THAT WENT INTO EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL PRICE HAS INCREASED TO A \$1.66 A CUBIC FOOT**

Copies of the water systems monthly summary, annual reports and the financial plan are available for viewing at the Municipal Office if any of the general public would like to review them. Also available at the Municipal Office the public may access the Water Quality System Policy for the Vermilion Bay water treatment plant and distribution system which forms part of the Operational Plan. Should anyone have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Shawna Alberts at 227-2064.